

Activity:	Federal Land Acquisition Administration
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Activity Summary

Program Component	2002 Enacted	2003 Estimate	FY 2004			Change From 2003 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Federal Land Acquisition Administration	11,850	12,588	+66	-1,000	11,654	-934
Total Requirements	11,850	12,588	+66	-1,000	11,654	-934

Authorization

16 USC 460I-4 to I-11 The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965

Draft DOI Outcome Goals Applicable to Federal Land Acquisition and Administration**Resource Protection****1.1 Improve Health of Watersheds, Landscapes, and Marine Resources**

Federal Land Acquisition Activities contribute to this goal by acquiring land (either through donation or outright purchase) in the interest of conserving natural resources to restore and maintain proper function to watersheds and landscapes including acquisitions to help park sites mitigate outside influences on park resources. For example, the Big Cypress mineral rights acquisition helps to restore the everglades ecosystem, including its function as a nursery for marine and freshwater fish.

1.2 Sustain Biological Communities

Federal Land Acquisition Activities contribute to this goal by acquiring land in the interest of protecting habitat for specific species or to enhance conditions for entire biological communities. For example, purchase of the Kahuku Ranch adjacent to Hawai'i Volcanoes NP will reduce the threat of invasive species introduced by a proposed subdivision and protect the rich biological diversity of the property, including the endangered Mauna Loa silver sword and endangered forest birds Akepa and Hawaii Creeper.

1.3 Protect Cultural and Natural Heritage Resources

Federal Land Acquisition Activities contribute to this goal by acquiring land to reduce degradation and protect cultural and natural heritage resources. For example, near Valley Forge NHP, adjacent land, which was occupied by the Continental Army in 1777-1778, is threatened by commercial development, which would adversely effect the cultural resources of the area and its 18th century agrarian landscape.

Recreation**3.1 Improve Access to Appropriate Recreation Opportunities on DOI Managed or Partnered Lands and Waters**

Federal Land Acquisition Activities contribute to this goal by acquiring land (either through donation or outright purchase) to improve capacities to provide access for recreation. For example, land acquisition for Obed Wild and Scenic River will enhance recreational opportunities for whitewater kayaking, camping and hiking.

FY 2004 Base Program Overview

The **Land Acquisition Administration** activity administers the acquisition of lands throughout the National Park System in a responsible and accountable way ensuring compliance with existing guidelines and laws. Land Acquisition Administration funds are used to staff land acquisition offices at seven program centers, three project offices, the Washington National Program Center, and the Washington Office. The funds are used to cover personnel and administrative costs such as salaries, personnel benefits, utilities, training,

employee relocation, supplies, materials and equipment for the administration, implementation, coordination, and evaluation of the land acquisition program of the National Park Service.

Performance summary tables are found at the end of this Appropriation.

FY 2002 Program Performance Accomplishments

- Dillonwood Grove added to Sequoia NP, authorized by the Act of December 28, 2000
- At Boston Harbor Islands NRA, partnership effort completed purchase of 240-acre scenic easement interest
- Acquisitions at Big Cypress (753 acres) and Everglades (1,215 acres) support DOI initiative to restore water flow into the Everglades/Florida Bay ecosystem
- Significant donations received:
 - Joshua Tree National Park – 4,500 acres from the Wildlands Conservancy
 - Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS, 228-acre Knob Creek Farm donated

Acres	Method of acquisition
9,372	Purchase
1,589	Taking or Condemnation
7,513	Donation
5	Exchange
146	Transfer
18,625	Total

FY 2003 Program Performance (Based on FY 2003 President's Request)

Land acquisition staff continue in Fiscal Year 2003 to pursue the most effective and advantageous methods to acquire properties for the National Park Service. Completion of previously authorized acquisitions remains a high priority.

Justification of FY 2004 Budget Request: Federal Land Acquisition Administration

Request Component	Amount
FY 2003 Budget Estimate	12,588
Programmatic Changes	
• Reduction	-1,000
TOTAL, Program Changes	-1,000
Uncontrollable changes	+66
FY 2004 Budget Request	11,654
Net change	-934

Reduce Funding for Land Acquisition Administration: -\$1.0 million:

A decrease of \$1.0 million is requested for this activity, based on the requested level of funding for land acquisition. This includes a \$500,000 reduction in administrative support for Grants to the State of Florida for land acquisition in the Everglades watershed, as the 2004 budget does not request funding for these grants.

Any administrative costs for work associated with previously appropriated grants to the State of Florida during 2004 and subsequent years will be funded out of prior year appropriations.